(b) The figure under toddy is not available, but that under arrack is 45,740 proof gallons up to 31st Mithunam 1104. The only provision to regulate the quantity of arrack and toddy is with regard to the quantity that can be sold which is the same as that fixed for transport without a permit and possession without a license. (24 drams in the case of toddy and 6 drams in the case of arrack.) In the case of arrack shops where accounts are ordered to be maintained the quantity sold out can be ascertained from the account books; but in other shops only the quantity purchased by the shop-keeper can be known from the indent book. The quantity of toddy sold out is not known as no accounts are maintained ; but it can be roughly estimated from the number of trees licensed for a shop.

(c) ·042 of a proof gallon in the case of arrack. For toddy no figure can be given.

(d) 10 and 318 respectively up to 8th Karkadagam 1104.

(e) 1 arrack case and 25 toddy cases were charged and all ended in conviction. One arrack case and 224 toddy cases were compounded departmentally and 6 toddy cases were departmentally released. The rest of the cases are pending.

(f) Rs. 3,016—8—0.

(g) 223 and 418 respectively.

(h) Yes, 7 and 11; 7/230 and 11/429, i. e., 3·04% and 2·5%

(i) First part. Vide answer to Legislative Council question No. 66 of this session.

Second part. 6 arrack shops, 13 toddy shops and 2 F. L. 3 are to be abolished. The limit of private possession is to be reduced to 4 drams. In accordance with the Council's wishes toddy shops are to be removed from road sides wherever possible in consultation with the local public.

(j) 1,300 seers. No more opium is intended to be imported this year.

(k) 940 seers. No more will be imported for 1104.

(l) Rs. 51,071—4—0.

Foreign Liquor.

253. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the number of foreign liquor shops licensed in the year 1104; and

(b) the total quantity of foreign liquor consumed in the State up to the 1st of Mithunam 1104;

(c) will the Government also be pleased to inform the amount of revenue derived from the foreign liquor shop licenses and by violation of the rules regulating the shop ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) 46.

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(b) Beer, Foreign and Country Brewed 40896 Quarts 1 Pint.

Sparkling Wine 6080 Quarts.
Brandy, Whisky and Wine 16893 Quarts.
Vermouth 3760 Quarts.
Pure Rectified Spirits 866 Quarts 1 Pint.
Medicated and other Wines 9851 Quarts.

(c) Rs. 7,920.

No amount has been realised by the violation of the rules.

Council resolution for a Committee to enquire into the condition of cattle.

254. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken regarding the resolution passed by the Council for appointing a Committee to submit a report regarding the condition of cattle in Cochin ? If the Committee is already appointed, the names of the Members ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The resolution is accepted and steps are being taken to constitute the Committee.

Allotment for water supply.

255. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have already spent the Rs. 50,000 granted by His Highness the Maharaja on his 70th Birthday to be distributed to places where water is scarce;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state to which all places the above amount was allotted and the amount allotted to each place ;

(c) how much amount was allotted out of the above Rs. 50,000 to the Panchayats of the State and the amount given to each Panchayat ;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a list of works done by the distribution of the above Rs. 50,000 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No. The works are in progress and the whole allotment is expected to be utilised this year itself.

(b) to (d). Vide list appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Budgetting of works.

256. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—are not works generally budgetted to be done in a particular year after the Government satisfying themselves as to its desirability of executing those works in that very year ?

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